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**REQUEST FOR FILING A  
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SIR:

This is a request for filing a [X] continuation [ ] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior international application Number PCT/EP02/01202, filed on February 6, 2002, entitled AXIAL THRUST BEARING in the name of inventor(s) PETER MEIER & JÜRGEN OETJEN, which designates the United States.

**Assignee:** INA-SCHAEFFLER KG, Herzogenaurach, Germany

[ ] Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- [ ] Application Data Sheet.
- [X] Specification with 13 pages, 11 claims and 4 sheets of drawing.
- [X] Facsimile transmitted copy of Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 with [X] Power of attorney.
- [X] Facsimile transmitted copy of Assignment.
- [X] Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.

Self-addressed postcard.

Priority of foreign application numbers 101 11 514.8, filed March 9, 2001 and 101 30 458.7, filed June 23, 2001 in Germany, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

The certified copy is enclosed.

A preliminary amendment.

An Information Disclosure Statement together with  PTO-Form 1449 and  cited references.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:--  
This application is a  
 continuation  
 division  
of pending international application number PCT/ , filed .--.

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Basic Fee:	\$750.00
Additional Fees:	
Total number of claims: 11-20	\$ 00.00
Number of independent claims: 1-3	\$ 00.00
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A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee of \$750.00 and the official fee of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of September 8, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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